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## USS SQUALL (PC 7)

Costal Patrol Craft

Homeport: Norfolk, Virginia

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USS *Squall* (PC-7) is the seventh Cyclone class Patrol (coastal) ship. The *Squall* is currently homeported at Little Creek Amphibious Base, Norfolk, VA. The primary mission of the PC-1 class is coastal patrol and interdiction surveillance, an important aspect of littoral operations outlined in the Navy's strategy, "Forward...From the Sea." Mission tasking for forward based PC's consist of Maritime security Operations (MSO) in the Northern Arabian Gulf (NAG), protection of Iraq's oil terminals and sea based infrastructure, as well as Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) tasking. Of the thirteen ships, nine originally operated out of the Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, Norfolk, Virginia, and four originally operated from the Naval Amphibious Base Coronado. As of 2006, five hulls were decommissioned and loaned to the United States Coast Guard to be returned to the Navy in 2009 and one was donated to the Philippine Navy. Of the remaining eight, USS *Hurricane*, USS *Squall* and USS *Thunderbolt* are homeported at Little Creek Naval Amphibious Base. USS *Typhoon*, USS *Sirroco*, USS *Chinook*, USS *Firebolt* and USS *Whirlwind* are homeported in Manama, Bahrain. Its armament includes two Mk38 chain guns, two Mk19 automatic grenade launchers, and two .50 caliber (12.7 mm) machine guns. Different crews, are embarked onboard PC's for six to seven months.

### SHIP'S SPECIFICATIONS:

#### GENERAL

Length - 179 feet  
Beam (Maximum)- 25 feet  
Speed: 30+ knots  
Draft (Navigational)- 8 feet  
Displacement- 288 tons full load  
Complement- 4 Officers 23 Enlisted

#### ENGINEERING

Propulsion: 4 Paxman diesels, 4 propellers  
Electrical:  
Services:

#### SENSORS

#### WEAPONS

2 25mm Mk-38 machine guns  
2 50.cal machine guns  
2 Mk-19 Automatic grenade launchers

#### AIRCRAFT

**Keel Laid:** February 17, 1993

**Christened:** August 28, 1993

**Commissioned:** July 4, 1994